



STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

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Region 9

Data for December 2006
(Preliminary)

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

***INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS**

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



The December 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during December. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

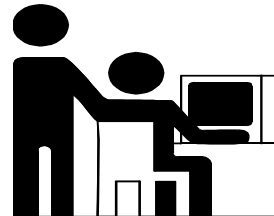
Job Openings Economic Growth Region 9 December 2006

| | Number Of Openings | Average Hourly Wage |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 52 | 7.31 |
| Production Laborers | 24 | 9.46 |
| Production Helpers | 21 | 9.61 |
| Cooks: Short Order | 18 | 7.71 |
| Assemblers (Factory Work) | 16 | 10.00 |
| Cashiers, General | 11 | 8.55 |
| Janitors and Cleaners | 9 | 7.85 |
| Numerical Control Machine Tool Operators | 9 | 14.83 |
| Personal and Home Care Aides | 8 | 8.03 |
| Home Health Aides | 6 | 8.04 |
| Stock Clerks, Sales Floor | 6 | 7.25 |
| Tellers | 6 | 9.31 |
| Brick Masons | 5 | 10.00 |
| Helpers: Brick and Stone Masons | 5 | 10.00 |

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

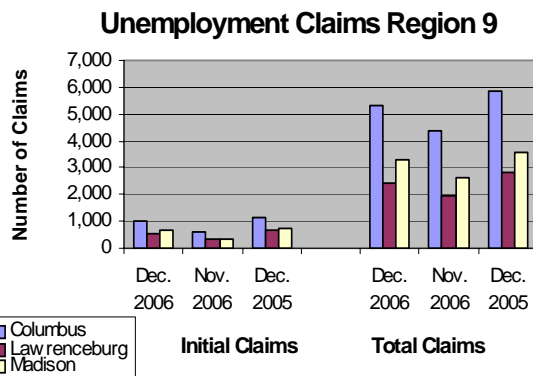


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



| | Dec. 2006 | Nov. 2006 | Dec. 2005 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Initial Claims | | | |
| Columbus | 1,015 | 605 | 1,142 |
| Lawrenceburg | 550 | 326 | 646 |
| Madison | 676 | 349 | 767 |
| Total Claims | | | |
| Columbus | 5,295 | 4,364 | 5,855 |
| Lawrenceburg | 2,413 | 1,932 | 2,816 |
| Madison | 3,327 | 2,637 | 3,546 |
| | | | |

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | TOTAL | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | LABOR | NUMBER | NUMBER | DEC. 2006 | NOV. 2006 | DEC. 2005 |
| AREA | FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | Preliminary | | Bench-marked |
| United States | 152,571,000 | 146,081,000 | 6,491,000 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Indiana | 3,258,303 | 3,106,107 | 152,196 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.3 |
| Columbus, IN MSA | 38,106 | 36,715 | 1,391 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| Bartholomew County | 38,106 | 36,715 | 1,391 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| Dearborn County | 26,926 | 25,666 | 1,260 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| Decatur County | 12,743 | 12,223 | 520 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| Franklin County | 12,359 | 11,619 | 740 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Jackson County | 22,643 | 21,727 | 916 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.6 |
| Jefferson County | 17,738 | 16,968 | 770 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| Jennings County | 14,134 | 13,386 | 748 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 6.3 |
| Ohio County | 3,251 | 3,092 | 159 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| Ripley County | 14,798 | 14,151 | 647 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| Switzerland County | 5,824 | 5,632 | 192 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.8 |

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The December 2006 data are preliminary data and the December 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

The national and statewide data given are not seasonally adjusted.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

| RANK – DEC. 2006 | COUNTY | DEC. 2006 RATE |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 82 | Bartholomew | 3.7 |
| 49 | Dearborn | 4.7 |
| 73 | Decatur | 4.1 |
| 8 | Franklin | 6.0 |
| 77 | Jackson | 4.0 |
| 62 | Jefferson | 4.3 |
| 31 | Jennings | 5.3 |
| 41 | Ohio | 4.9 |
| 61 | Ripley | 4.4 |
| 88 | Switzerland | 3.3 |

Fayette County ranked 1st with a rate of 7.9 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 2.7%.

| COLUMBUS, IN MSA | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS | | | | | |
| | | | | CHANGE FROM | |
| | DEC. 2006 | NOV. 2006 | DEC. 2005 | NOV. 2006 | DEC. 2005 |
| (preliminary data) | | | | | |
| Total Nonfarm | 44.2 | 44.2 | 43.5 | 0 | 700 |
| Total Private | 38.1 | 38.0 | 37.5 | 100 | 600 |
| Goods Producing | 17.2 | 17.1 | 16.7 | 100 | 500 |
| Natural Resources / Construction | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 15.7 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 100 | 500 |
| Durable Goods | 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 100 | 100 |
| Service Providing | 27.0 | 27.1 | 26.8 | -100 | 200 |
| Trade, Transportation, Utilities | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 100 | 200 |
| Trans., Warehousing, Util. | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Information Services | .5 | .5 | .5 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial Activities | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional & Business Services | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Educational & Health Services | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | -100 | 0 |
| Leisure & Hospitality Services | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0 | -100 |
| Other Services | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.0 | -100 | 100 |
| Federal Government | .2 | .2 | .2 | 0 | 0 |
| State Government | .8 | .9 | .8 | -100 | 0 |
| Local Government | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 0 | 100 |
| Local Government Education | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | 100 |

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